

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action dated May 26, 2005, and for the indication that claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 contain allowable subject matter.

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 7, 10, and 11 which were rejected on the merits, and have canceled previously withdrawn claims 14-24.

Applicants have rewritten in independent form all of the claims which the Examiner considered to recite allowable subject matter. Specifically:

Claims 1-5 were allowed as written and have not been amended;

Claim 6 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 8; and

Claims 9, 12, and 13 were rewritten into independent form.

Applicants have also amended claims 1 and 6 to correct minor punctuation errors.

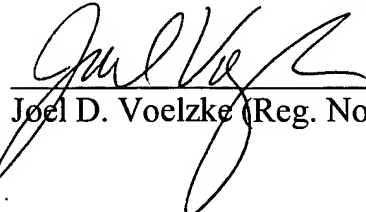
Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note that although the application now contains 6 independent claims, applicant previously paid the claim fees for 6 independent claims (see Preliminary Amendment dated October 25, 2005, page 7, and accompanying check). Accordingly, Applicants believe that no additional claim fees are required. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3504.

Respectfully submitted,

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